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Docket No. : **HM-469PCT**
U.S. Application No. :
International Application No. : **PCT/EP00/07961**
International Filing Date. : **August 16, 2000**
Priority Dates Claimed : **August 20, 1999**
Title of Invention : **STRIP CASTING MACHINE COMPRISING TWO CASTING ROLLERS**
Applicant(s) for (DO/EO/US) : **Hans Streubel, Heinrich Marti and Jaques Barbè**

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

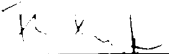
1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures 35 U.S.C. 371 (f) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set forth in 35 U.S.C 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)].
 - a) ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b) ☐ has been transmitted by the international Bureau.
 - c) ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English [35 U.S.C.371(c)(2)].
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C.371(c)(3)]
 - a) ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b) ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c) ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has **NOT** expired.
 - d) ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C.371(c)(3)].
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C.371(c)(4)]. **UNSIGNED**
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C.371(c)(5)]

Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 198.
12. ☐ An Assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A substitute specification.
15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. ☒ (other items or information) **Two sheets of drawings, PTO-1449 w/ 4 references and International Search Report**

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